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### In Case of an Emergency

Who would care for your dog if you were hurt and unable to do so? To make sure vital information regarding your dog is easily accessible to others, take a few moments to fill out an emergency information sheet.

List two or three people as contacts in case of emergency. Include the contact's name, address, and telephone number. Make sure at least one of the contacts has a set of your house keys.

You may also want your attorney to draft a written statement, which gives immediate custody of your dog to a designated individual with that individual's consent. Notify that individual of his or her responsibility, and put his or her name, address, and phone number on your emergency information sheet.

Attach a recent photo of your dog to the information sheet to help others locate your dog if it should wander off.

Put the information sheet on your refrigerator or other prominent spot in your house. You may also want to keep similar information

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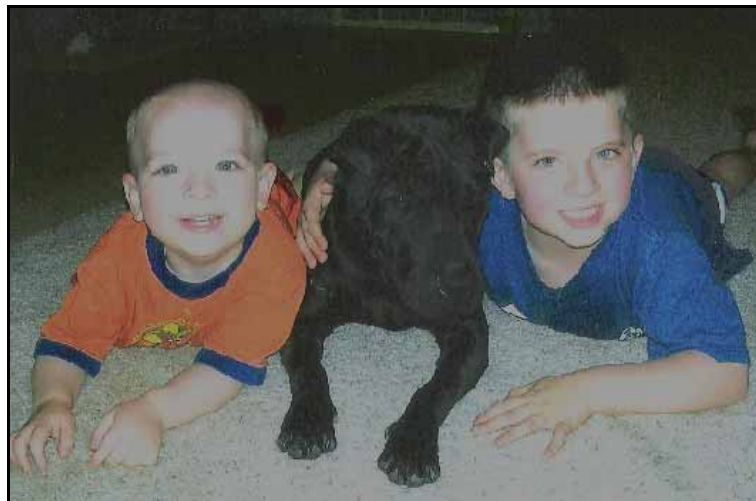
Happy Fourth of July



in your wallet. If you are unable to care for your dog due to an accident or emergency, someone will be able to follow the instructions on the sheet to provide necessary care. Also be sure to take one in the car with you when you are traveling with you dogs.



You can make up your own Emergency information sheet, or we have posted one for you to download and use on our website: [www.centennialsharpeiclub.org](http://www.centennialsharpeiclub.org)



Tyler & Brady with their new rescue dog Onyx



From the Morris Animal Foundation:  
Since one in four dogs will die of cancer, this is to announce their new cancer campaign. If you go to this link you can read the full story: [www.CureCanineCancer.org](http://www.CureCanineCancer.org)

**Announcing**  
.....  
an unprecedented  
**effort** to  
**CURE**  
canine cancer  
in the next  
10-20 years.  
.....  
**The lifetime of a dog.**

Send you donations to Morris Animal Foundation, 45 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, CO 80112. Be sure to include the notation that if is for the Canine Cancer Fund.

## A Job For Every Dog

By Catherine J. Crawmer

It is imperative for those seeking a pet to realize that they are buying much more than an appearance. There is work involved, and plenty of it. Realistic expectations are often totally lacking when a person selects a dog. Dogs eat, need to be walked, need veterinary care, need training and need exercise. If it is an active breed or individual that is selected it may need exercise more than it needs food! A bored dog is an unhappy dog.

Most calls our business get are from clients who express a desire to stop objectionable behaviors. Everyone seems to know what he doesn't want the dog to do. Very few individuals give any thought to what they do want the dog to do. You have the choice of directing your dog to an activity that will challenge him physically and mentally or you can wait until you see what activity he selects for himself. While a popular choice, I would not suggest the second option.

You can involve your dog in obedience training, tracking, agility, therapy dog work, schutzhund, flyball, search and rescue, scent hurdle racing or any one of many other useful activities. You can also pick more than one. If you quit your job and just worked with your dog all day he would be delighted with the schedule.

If you are not proactive in your dog's activity list he will pick a "job" for himself. As time goes on he will get really good at whatever he selects. He will likely pick a dog game that has some component of chase it, catch it, shake it and find it. Don't ask what "it" is since you are leaving it to chance. You may want to look around your house and property. It won't take much imagination to guess what "it" *could* be. To support his objective to get to "it" the dog may also involve himself in behaviors such as digging, jumping out windows, pushing through open doors,

jumping out of cars, barking constantly, pacing, whining, fighting, pulling on the leash etc. You get the picture.



The Engbarth's dogs learning to sit pretty.

The one thing that you can be assured of is that your dog is going to find something to do. It is your choice or his. What's it going to be?

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Today might be a good day to review your insurance to make sure that you and your family are protected should anyone decide to sue you. This article offers some things to review in your insurance policy to be sure that you are fully covered.

## Dog Bite Insurance –

### Does Your Insurance Cover Dog Attacks?

Each year on average, more than 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs. Of that number, an estimated 800,000 people require medical attention; half of those are children, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

In the majority of cases, dog owners are considered legally responsible for any injuries caused by a dog they own or "control," unless the owner can prove that the plaintiff teased, tormented or abused the dog prior to the attack. Many states, including Massachusetts, hold dog owners "strictly liable" for their dog's violent behavior; while in other States, owners are liable only if they had prior knowledge that their dog had the potential to become violent.

Many dog owners assume that their homeowner's insurance policy automatically provides full liability coverage in the event their dog injures another person. Historically, that assumption was generally true, but no more. A recent trend among insurance companies has been to limit their exposure in such cases by dramatically limiting coverage available to policy holders for dog-related injuries, or, in some cases excluding such coverage altogether.

Some insurance companies will refuse to cover certain breeds deemed to be "vicious". According to the Centers for Disease Control, the following breeds caused the most number of fatalities between 1979 and 1998:

American Pit Bull Terrier	Rottweiler
German Sheppard	"Husky"
Malamute	Doberman Pincher
Chow Chow	Great Dane
Saint Bernard	

While some States have declared "dog discrimination" based on breed unconstitutional, it hasn't stopped insurers from putting restrictions on dog owners. According to the Insurance Information Institute, some companies now require owners to sign liability waivers for dog bites, while others charge policyholders more to insure so-called "biting breeds", such as those listed above. Some companies are avoiding the liability they perceive as caused by dangerous breeds by refusing coverage entirely, while others will agree to insure a pet if the owner takes the animal to behavior modification classes or if the dog is restrained with a muzzle, chain or cage.



Photo Credit: Andrew Saeger/Seattle P-I (September 16, 2006)

In short, insurance companies are aggressively seeking to limit their exposure in dog bite liability cases because of the significant costs associated with insuring dog owners. In 2005, according to the Insurance Information Institute, dog bite-related claims cost

insurers \$317.2 million and accounted for approximately 15 % of all liability claims paid under homeowner's liability insurance policies.

Owners of dogs, regardless of breed, are strongly advised to review their homeowners insurance policies to ensure that the policy their own provides the same degree of coverage as a result of a dog-related claim, as all other general liability risks. If your homeowner's insurance policy provides lower coverage, speak to your insurance broker or company representative about increasing your dog-related liability coverage limits. Reasons to ensure that you have full liability insurance coverage include the following:

- If not adequately insured, a dog owner could risk the loss of their home or other valuable assets due to a single dog bite incident.
- Dog bite victims deserve to recover compensation for their injuries. However, if insurance is inadequate or entirely unavailable, the victim may be prevented from recovering compensation for their injuries, including reimbursement of significant lost wages and medical expenses. Victims of dog bites are not most often strangers, but close family friends or extended family members visiting the home.

An extra measure of insurance involves the purchase of "umbrella coverage," which provides coverage above and beyond the amount provided by your homeowner's policy.

<http://www.parkerscheer.com/dog-bite-insurance.html>

**Editor's note:** Umbrella insurance is the insurance that adds extra coverage to your homeowners and car insurance in an instance that might lead to a lawsuit. It is an extension of your other coverage. This extra coverage is actually fairly cheap in comparison to the extra coverage it offers. If you get umbrella

coverage from the same company that provides your home owners insurance, you can usually get \$1 million in umbrella coverage for around \$100. The maximum umbrella coverage of \$5 million, costs between \$200- \$300 per year. It will cover accidents at your home, in your car, slander, defamation of character, invasion of privacy, libel, and plagiarism. The more assets you have, the more you need this coverage.

If you own a pool, a trampoline, have a teenage driver, carpool, have parties in your home where alcohol is served, or own a dog, experts say you absolutely need umbrella insurance. If you own an edgy cat, collect swords, have a cleaning service or housesitter, have a child who plays football, or tend to bump into things in the supermarket parking lot, you need umbrella insurance too.

It is much better to be prepared, than to find out after the fact that you should have had the additional coverage. At that point, it is too late, and you stand to lose all the assets that you have accumulated over your lifetime. Take the time to review your insurance coverage to be sure you are fully insured.



**Rescue Corner:** Many of our rescue stories are about the actual dogs that come into rescue. This article will give you a different view of rescue. It is a story by Laura Brown, and gives you some insight into what can happen when you transport a rescue dog.

## Transporting Rescue Dogs

by Laura Brown

Last night, there was a plea by the local Shar-Pei rescue for someone to help with one leg part of a rescue transport today. I figure it was time for me to stop wallowing in my depression (I had a seriously HORRENDOUSLY BAD week) and get my rear fanny

out the door and do something. So, I said I'd be happy to help. I packed up my usual gear for a rescue transport: water bowl, water bottles, martingale collar, leash, tennis ball, hedgehog toy, giant thick plump luxurious pet bed and several blankets... What was new is that I brought my brand new "Furminator" with me. It's a neat "tool" to brush dogs/cats with. It pulls out the most amazing amount of fur without hurting the animals.



Photo by Renee Wright

I have a habit of behaving like a monkey with animals.... Any dogs in my car that I transport for rescue, I have a tendency to check their ears (clean out gobs of gunk), examine their eyes, flick off ticks/fleas, pull dead fur out, untangle matted fur, massage various parts of the body that seems "tight" or pluck away at scabs. I can't help it. A compulsion of mine to \*pluck\* \*pluck\* \*pluck\* \*pluck\* to the horror of rescued dogs who simply do not want to be bothered with, while others bask in the newfound attention for hours until they reach their destination. :-)

Anyway, I thought it would be a great opportunity to brush a Shar-Pei with the Furminator in case there's no scabs to pluck, no fleas to squish, no ticks to fling out the window, and no gunk to

toss.... This dog I picked up today, Levy was a slender young thing... beautiful fawn small eared Shar-Pei... She happily settles in the front passenger seat and is quite content to ignore my



Furminator

brushing of her back/thighs. She is more interested in watching the "giant immovable dogs" aka cows or steers that we're passing by... She has a double coat, so I was pleased to pluck away tons of dead fur... A few hairs floated here and there due to the windows slightly down... I had this brilliant idea that I could toss out the dead hair out of my window to decorate the outdoors.

Baaaaaaad idea!

One minute I'm holding a batch of dead fur in my hands, ready to pour it out the window while I'm driving, the next second, Miss Levy goes \*BUG EYED\*, whips around, slinging her copious drool \*SMACK\* into my face and onto the side of my car next to me. There's a whirlwind of tan fur flying all around inside the car. It was a miniature tornado!! Instead of the fur being dumped outside the window, the wind \*sucked\* the fur STRAIGHT back into the CAR!!

\*cough\* \*hack\* \*spit\* \*cough\* Miss Levy tries to catch a few flying "flakes" to check out the smell... Why bits and pieces of her are flying AROUND her rather than staying on her body? she wonders.....

Pretty soon, my allergies rise in full mode attack.. Both nostrils shut down, lungs started to get "squeezed" and I'm hacking away like mad with tears forming in my eyes. I roll down the windows even more to encourage the fur to EXIT my car (I think I swallowed more than what flew out of my car).... After 20 minutes or so, it was safe enough for me to roll the windows back up and slowly by slowly, I could feel my lungs expanding, nostrils opening up and once again, be able to breathe comfortably while driving...

Moral point of the story? Do not litter! O:-)

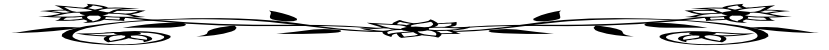


Photo by Renee Wright

BUT! The good lesson out of this incident is that if you LOVE fur coats, but don't dare to purchase one because (a) you support wildlife and their right to freedom and (b) it's obscenely expensive and (c) you don't know for sure if the animal was humanely or inhumanely murdered for your pleasure.....

I now have a solution for you! Due to the tornado effect in the car, I have discovered that if you wear a fleece jacket and let dead fur fly while you are driving, your fleece jacket is no longer recognizable. Instead you have a new "style" fur jacket that has the most interesting design and color. Granted it looks more porcupine-ish than a soft furry jacket, but you'll be assured that (a) fleece jacket was cheap - you already wearing it! and (b) no animal was harmed in the process of creating a new fur jacket and (c) dog is happily deprived of suffocating dead fur!

One tiny recommendation.... wipe off any slime on your face before you let the fur fly... Fur will stick to slime like glue... After all, you don't want to look like a werewolf, eh?



## Specialty Show Results

April 13, 2007

Sweepstakes: Judge Monica Canestrini



Best Puppy in Sweeps

**Sweepstakes Puppy - (4-5)**

Best in Sweepstakes- Tzo Wen Snow Drift - Guthrie Bowles & Barbara LaVere

Best Opposite in Sweeps- Stoney's Truly Deluxe - Bonnie Stoney

**Sweepstakes Veteran - (1-1)**

Best in Sweepstakes- CH. China Puff's Tai Won, CD, RN, RA, RE, RAE - Bob & Louise Watson

Best Opposite in Sweeps- Meiting Delirious - Kay Rosenberger

**Conformation: Judge Karen Kleinhans**

Entry - (9-7-2-2) Veteran (1-0)



Best Veteran in Sweeps

Winners Dog- Tzo Wen Snow Drift- Gus Bowles- Barb LaVere  
Reserve WD- Tabirds Season with Salt - Donna & Byron Bird

Winners Bitch- Strong's Special Diamond by Ruff-Cut –  
Deanne & William Walquist & Shirley Strong  
Reserve WB- Guthries How Sweet It Is - Guthrie Bowles



Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners

BOB- CH. Rumples Just Gigglin' at Margem - Cyndi & Savanna Skinner

BOW- Strong's Special Diamond by Ruff Cut

BOS- CH. Foursuns Shut up and Kiss Me - Guthrie Bowles

Best Veteran- CH. China Puff's Tai Won, CD, RN, RA, RE

Best BBE- Stoney's Truly Deluxe- Bonnie Stoney



Best of Breed



Best Opposite Sex



Winner's Dog

**We would like to thank the following for their trophy donations for this show:**

Jeanne Hill-Jurik

Rosie Steinke

Alice Fix

Joan & Herb Franson

Nancy Sedlacek

Kathy Marshburn

Mike & Jocelyn Barker

Robert Frost

Bob & Louise Watson

Bob & Kay Rosenberger

Marchelle Heslep

Anita Cox

Erin Jacimiak

Marilyn Vinson

Monica Canestrini

**Information About Getting A Necropsy**

by Alice Fix

I don't know how many of you have tried to get a necropsy of your dog when it has died, but I have found that it can be difficult to get one done in Colorado. A necropsy is an examination of a cadaver to determine or confirm the cause of death.

With our breed, it is important to get a necropsy, especially if you have a copy of the pedigree on the dog, to see if there are any amyloid deposits in the kidneys or the liver. It is not so important for a rescue dog with an unknown pedigree. You need to ask the vet to take samples of kidney tissues and they need to be stained with **Red Congo Stain**. This is the only way to confirm or deny



that your dog had amyloidosis. This is important to do for all dogs, whether they suffer from Shar-Pei fevers or not.

It is especially hard to get a necropsy done over the weekend when your regular vet's clinic is closed. I was recently talking to a breeder of a different breed of dogs, and she gave me this information that I thought I would pass along to you. This may save you time and money when you need to get a necropsy done.

- 1) DO NOT have the dog frozen at the vet. It makes it much harder for them to determine what happened because freezing causes the cells to rupture. You can have the dog refrigerated over the weekend, but most people don't have a refrigerator large enough to store one of our dogs.
- 2) Take the dog immediately to CSU. Their receiving department is open 24/7 and they are really nice and understanding AND your vet probably won't be able to find anyone to do it anyhow; especially without charging a large amount for it. This also insures that the body is taken care of in the best manner to preserve it without ruining the evidence. Also, my own note; they start to decay rather quickly and 10 hours after death would be towards the maximum time you have to get an necropsy.
- 3) You will need to pay CSU directly when you drop the dog off. It is very inexpensive, \$125 for the necropsy and histopathology combined.
- 4) Give them a fax number to fax the results to; preferably yours and talk to CSU if you have any questions. The pathologists there are quite good at talking in layman's terms.
- 5) If all this falls, you can take your dog to the emergency vet and ask that they at least get tissue samples of the dog, and have them keep those refrigerated until the tests can do done on Monday, and the full autopsy can be done.

Once you have the necropsy done, they will send you the results of the test.

We must verify cases of renal amyloidosis or other causes of kidney failure if we are to make headway in correcting this condition through breeding. Results can be sent to **Dr. Linda Tintle, Wurstboro Veterinary Clinic, PC, 251 Sullivan Street, P.O. Box 906, Wurtsboro, New York, 12790.** Attaching a copy of the pedigree on the dog would be helpful as well. The results should also be sent to the breeder of your dog, so they can make future breeding decisions.

If the results of the necropsy show that the dog died of cancer, a copy of those results should be sent to **Dr. Jeff Vidt, 210 S. Park Street, Westmont, IL. 60559.**

### Message from an Older Dog

I am your dog, and I have a little something I would like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work. Some have children to raise. It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.



Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See, the way my dark brown eyes look at yours. They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle.

You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no

other in the world could? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrongdoing, for just a simple moment of your time? That is all I ask: To slow down, if even for a few minutes to be with me.

So many times, you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land.

I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me. Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have NOW, together.



Photo by Alice Fix

So come, sit down here next to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or

as "trainer" or even "Mom or Dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am.

I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet"- I know what you are. You are human, in all of your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper to my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy, and I will know your true self.

We may not have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short.

-Love, (on behalf of canines everywhere)

Author Unknown

<http://dogblog.dogster.com/2006/12/31/happy-new-year-and-tearjerker-poem-i-am-your-dog/#more-2578>

### TRIBUTE TO OUR RECENTLY FALLEN ANGELS:



GF's Samson, Owned by Kim and James Sanger  
Samson's life was far too short. He may be gone but surely is not forgotten.

Special mention is needed for the passing of Jo Ann Gremminger Listner. She was a great friend to many Shar-Pei owners and to the breed. She will be missed.

### Little Harold and the Violin

Little Harold was practicing the violin in the living room while his father was trying to read in the den.

The family dog was lying in the den, and as the screeching sounds of little Harold's violin reached his ears, he began to howl loudly.

The father listened to the dog and the violin as long as he could. Then he jumped up, slammed his paper to the floor and yelled above the noise, "For pity's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

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### Dr. Vidt's Corner:

#### Post-Mortem Exams

By Dr. Jeff Vidt



In veterinary medicine the death of an animal patient is often thought of as the end of a medical case. However, until a thorough post-mortem examination is completed, the case is not closed. The post-mortem examination (autopsy, necropsy) is a very useful and necessary procedure in the diagnostic process. It can provide valuable information concerning the disease process which resulted in an animal's death.

Why do a post-mortem examination? A good post-mortem has three benefits:

1. Benefit to the owner/breeder:
  - a. It may reveal deficiencies in husbandry practices.
  - b. It may reveal hereditary or congenital (birth) defects which may influence future breeding decisions.
  - c. By pinpointing the underlying disease process, it allows the initiation of treatment for similarly affected individuals in a litter.

- d. The results of a post-mortem examination may facilitate the development and implementation of a preventive medicine program in the kennel.
2. Benefit to the attending veterinarian.
  - a. A specific diagnosis in many cases leads to a specific treatment.
  - b. It can reveal individual kennel problems and these can serve as the starting point when future disease problems occur. This avoids time consuming trial-and-error treatments and allows specific treatment to be initiated earlier.
  - c. It adds to the experience and learning of the veterinarian.
3. Benefit to the breed:
  - a. It may reveal breed-specific problems.
  - b. It will provide useful information to other breeders and veterinarians.
  - c. It allows for accumulation of specific information concerning the deaths of individuals in that breed and allows for statistical analysis and compilation of data.

What constitutes a thorough post-mortem examination? The post-mortem examination consists of the following categories:

1. gross pathology
2. histopathology
3. toxicology
4. microbiology
5. parasitology
6. virology

#### Gross Pathology

Gross pathology consists of the examination of every organ and system, including the brain and spinal cord. By visual examination, the veterinarian is looking for obvious abnormalities in organ appearance and the relationship between organs. Many

bacterial and viral infections as well cancerous processes will produce characteristic changes in organ appearance. Often the gross exam will reveal congenital defects more clearly than any other part of the post-mortem exam.

All too often post-mortem examinations end here. It must be pointed out that the gross appearance of an organ can be misleading. Many disease processes cause few, if any, external changes in an organ. The gross exam is useful in revealing the following broad categories of problems:

1. Neoplastic changes, (abnormal new growth of tissue )  
such as tumors
2. Bacterial diseases
3. Viral diseases
4. Foreign objects
5. Trauma
6. Congenital or hereditary defects

### Histopathology

Histopathology involves the microscopic examination of tissues. Many disease problems are not visible to the naked eye and are not obvious on the gross exam. These tissue samples are sent to a veterinary diagnostic laboratory and it may take up to two weeks for the results to be reported back. Most commonly, samples of the kidney, liver, intestine, lung and lymph nodes are evaluated. Histopathology is useful in the specific diagnosis of tumors, bacterial and viral infections.

### Toxicology

Although not commonly done, the toxicologic examination may be done in those cases where poisoning, whether intentional or accidental, may be involved. In these cases, blood, stomach and intestine contents and samples of the ingested material are sent to the laboratory.

### Microbiology

This involves taking samples and cultures for bacterial diseases. The causative organism is identified and tested against various antibiotics to determine its susceptibility. Most commonly the lungs and trachea are cultured, but occasionally the intestinal contents or the reproductive tract may be tested as well. Also any discharges or abscesses would be cultured. Time is especially critical in this phase of the examination. Upon the death of the animal normal bacteria from the gut invade the tissues and will obscure the results.

### Parasitology

This aspect of the post-mortem involves the examination of the lungs, intestinal tract and heart for evidence of internal parasites. Many parasites are visible only under the microscope and not all are picked up on routine fecal exams.

### Virology

This phase of the post-mortem examination is perhaps the most difficult and costly. Viral isolation requires special laboratory equipment, special tissue culture media for growing the virus and time. Viral isolation can take 4 weeks or longer. Special transport media is necessary for shipment of samples, although many times a local human hospital can be helpful. Typical tissues cultured for virus isolation include the liver, kidney, lungs and intestinal contents.

Up to this point we've addressed what goes into a thorough post-mortem exam and why we perform one. Now I'd like to address the breeder/owner's responsibility.

1. **Cost-** As one can imagine, a good post-mortem exam is fairly expensive. It takes time to do a thorough exam, laboratory costs are high and the techniques involved are complex. A rough estimate would be in the \$150- \$250 range.
2. **Time-** The time to decide to do a post-mortem exam is before

the animal dies. This allows the veterinarian to obtain fresh samples as soon as possible and optimizes the chances of getting useful results.

3. If an animal should die at home and a veterinarian is not available, **don't freeze the body.** It is much better to refrigerate the body. This prevents freezing artifacts which confuse the pathologist examining the tissues under the microscope.

The death of an animal patient is traumatic both for the owner and the veterinarian. Too often the post-mortem exam is rushed at the last minute or worse yet, forgotten. It is important to communicate your wishes to the vet early so the necessary procedures can be scheduled rapidly and performed efficiently.



"Paws and Claws Pet Vet" allows players to own their own pet clinic, nursing animals back to health. What are your favorite animals? You'll get to treat them all, including dogs, cats, horses, birds, and more.

It sells for around \$20 at retail stores.

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## Man's best friend lends insight into human evolution

Flexibly drawing inferences about the intentions of other individuals in order to cooperate in complex tasks is a basic part of everyday life that we humans take for granted. But, according to evolutionary psychologist Brian Hare at the Max Planck Institute in Germany, this ability is present in other species as well.

As Hare discusses in the April issue of *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, chimpanzees utilize social cues like eye gaze and face orientation to monitor others' behavior or infer motives of other subordinate or dominant individuals, or even deceive them, when competing for food.

But it turns out that chimps are not very good at drawing inferences about others' mental states in cooperative situations — such as when an experimenter (or another chimp) helpfully points to hidden food. This is a skill that humans already display in infancy, and according to Hare it seems to have evolved since the human lineage split from that of chimps a few million years ago.

For Hare, who has worked with a number of different animal species, to understand the "unique" human ability to use social cues cooperatively we should look not just at our closest animal relatives, but also at our best animal friends. While chimps may fail to infer others' mental states when cooperating, domestic dogs do quite well at such tasks. If you point to hidden food, dogs often grasp what you are trying to tell them. Puppies even do it without prior training, indicating that it is an innate ability, not simply one they acquire through contact with their owners. What accounts for this piece of convergent evolution between humans and domestic dogs is nothing other than the process of domestication — the breeding of dogs to tolerate, rather than fear, human company.

According to Hare, domesticated dogs' ability to solve social problems may have emerged once the brain systems mediating fear were altered — and the same thing may have occurred in human evolution. Chimps, he says, are constrained in solving cooperative problems by their impulse to fear more dominant individuals and behave aggressively toward more subordinate ones.

"Taken together," Hare writes, "the results on chimpanzee cooperation and their use of social cues support the hypothesis that

evolution in human social problem solving, much like that of dog social problem solving, occurred after changes in our species' social emotions lifted social constraints."

Source: Association for Psychological Science

<http://www.physorg.com/news91978453.html>

CSPCA Elections are coming up. Keep in mind that  
Alice Fix is running for Director at Large  
and  
Kay Rosenberger is running for Western Director

### Helpful Websites

Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club-

[www.centennialsharpeiclub.org](http://www.centennialsharpeiclub.org)

Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.

[www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com)

Dr. Jeff Vidt- Shar-Pei Health issues

<http://www.drjvw.com>

Dr. Todd Hammond & Dr. Brad Graham – The Eye

Clinic: <http://www.eyevets.info>

Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust:

<http://www.cspcharitabletrust.org>

Link to the webpage for our rescue dogs:

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/CO151.html>

Colorado Health Testing Breeders

<http://www.legendary.ws/Colorado%20Health%20Testing%20Breeders.htm>

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*Photo by Sam Bennett*

Halley is the first Chinese Shar-Pei to earn a Flyball Master title. Halley earned this title on March 10, 2007, with the help of her owner/trainer, Rachel Lindberg.

This photo was on the cover of the North American Flyball Association's May, 2007 magazine.

Congratulations to Halley and Rachel who make an awesome team!

### Halley

Halley is a 5 1/2 year-old Shar Pei who runs on Two-Lane Highway in Maryland (Region 9). Halley is the #1 Chinese Shar Pei in NAFA, and became the first Shar Pei to earn a Flyball Master title on March 10. Her fastest time to date is a 5.401 and she runs anchor on Two-Lane Highway's multi-breed team. She took 3 years to train and has been competing for about a year and a half (look at that box turn!). Halley is owned and loved by Rachel Lindberg.

*Photo by Sam Bennett*

### Preventing Dog Bites

From the Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Teach children basic safety around dogs and review regularly:

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Do not run from a dog and scream.
- Remain motionless (e.g., "be still like a tree") when approached by an unfamiliar dog.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still (e.g., "be still like a log").

- Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
- Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
- Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
- If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/biteprevention.htm>

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## Information on Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) and Mercury

### Why should people use CFLs?

Switching from traditional light bulbs to CFLs is an effective, accessible change every American can make right now to reduce energy use at home and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change. Lighting accounts for close to 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. Changing to CFLs costs little upfront and provides a quick return on investment.

### Do CFLs contain mercury?

Mercury currently is an essential component of CFLs and is what allows the bulb to be an efficient light source. Many manufacturers have taken significant steps to reduce mercury used in their fluorescent lighting products. In fact, the average amount of mercury in a CFL is anticipated to drop by the end of 2007, thanks to technology advances and a commitment from the members of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

### What should I do with a CFL when it burns out?

EPA recommends that consumers take advantage of local recycling options for compact fluorescent light bulbs, where available. EPA

is working with CFL manufacturers and major U.S. retailers to expand disposal options. Consumers can contact their local municipal solid waste agency directly, or go to [www.lamprecycle.org](http://www.lamprecycle.org) and click on "State Lamp Recycling Regulations & Contacts" to identify local recycling options. If your state permits you to put used or broken CFLs in the garbage, seal the CFL in two plastic bags and put into the outside trash. CFLs should not be disposed of in an incinerator.

### How should I clean up a broken fluorescent bulb?

EPA recommends the following clean-up and disposal guidelines:

1. Open a window and leave the room (restrict access) for at least 15 minutes.
2. Remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner.



- \* Wear disposable rubber gloves, if available (do not use your bare hands).
- \* Carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard.



- \* Wipe the area clean with a damp paper towel or disposable wet wipe.
- \* Sticky tape (such as duct tape) can be used to pick up small pieces and powder.

3. Place all cleanup materials in a plastic bag and seal it.

- \* If your state permits you to put used or broken CFLs in the garbage, seal the CFL in two plastic bags and put into the outside trash (if no other disposal or recycling options are available).
- \* Wash your hands after disposing of the bag.

4. The first time you vacuum the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag once done cleaning the area (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the bag and/or vacuum debris, as well as the cleaning materials, in two sealed plastic bags in the outdoor trash or protected outdoor location for normal disposal.

To read the full article, go to:

[http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change\\_light/downloads/Fact\\_Sheet\\_Mercury.pdf](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf)

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  - Kumpi Dog Food* located at 3173 South Nucla St. in Aurora, CO and can be found at [evy.kumpi@earthlink.net](mailto:evy.kumpi@earthlink.net)
  - Science Diet Foods*, who can be found at [www.hillspet.com](http://www.hillspet.com)
  - Four Paws & Company* (Carrie Adams, owner) located at 1225 Ken Pratt Blvd. #108, in Longmont, CO phone: 303/485-1565
  - The National Pet Market* located at 3539 North Carefree Circle in Colorado Springs, CO 80917 phone: 719/570-1488
  - KV Vet Supply Co., Inc.* located at P.O. Box 245 in David City, NE 68632 and can be found at [www.kvvet.com](http://www.kvvet.com)
  - Cherrybrook* located at Rt. 57, Box 15 in Broadway, NJ; phone: 800/524-0820 and can be found at [www.cherrybrook.com](http://www.cherrybrook.com)
  - Care-A-Lot Pet Supply Warehouse* located at 1617 Diamond Springs Road in Virginia Beach, VA 23455 phone: 757/457-9460 and at [www.carealotpets.com](http://www.carealotpets.com)
  - Poudre Pet & feed Supply* located at 522 N. College or 6204 S. College in Ft. Collins, CO 80525
  - Arfy's Pet Treats* located at 2601 S. Lemay Ave. in Ft. Collins, CO 80525 phone: 970/493-1747 [www.arfys.com](http://www.arfys.com)
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